

Thomas Jefferson's Tombstone,  
University of Missouri Campus,  
Columbia, Missouri.

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Historical Data

Year of Erection: 1826 (?) at the Jefferson family burying ground, half-way up the mountain to the site of Jefferson's home near Charlottesville, Virginia.

Built for: The grave of Thomas Jefferson.

Architect: Thomas Jefferson, who also wrote the epitaph inscribed thereon.

Remarks: In 1882 Congress appropriated \$10,000 for the erection of a new tombstone at the grave of Jefferson, and in 1884 when the new monument had been put in place, Jefferson's descendants presented the old tombstone to the University of Missouri, since it was the first State University founded in the territory of the Louisiana Purchase.

Sources of Information: Randolph, Sarah N., The Domestic Life of Thomas Jefferson. American Architect and Building News (Boston, 1888).

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